

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action of December 14, 2006, Applicants request re-examination and reconsideration of this application for patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132.

Claim Status/Support for Amendments

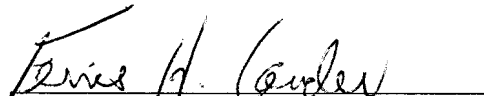
Claim 1 has been allowed. Claims 36-50 have been cancelled. Claims 2-35 were cancelled in a previous Response filed on June 13, 2003. All claims are deemed to have been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter thereof, and Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing application pertaining thereto. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will now find the claims of the application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously requested.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayments in any fees paid on the filing to Deposit Account No. 50-1803.

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